(In Thousand Metric Tonnes (TMT))

Year	MS	SKO	HSD	ATF	LPG
2000-2001	1228	2358	10994	13	2014
2001-2002	1216	3224	10120	9	2475
2002-2003	1403	3158	9576	0	2501

(c) The total amount paid year-wise for the petroleum products purchased from private sector oil companies for the last three years is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	MS	SKO	HSD	ATF	LPG
2000-2001	1702.14	2911.25	14646.39	20	3284.43
2001-2002	1418.87	3500.49	11635.78	12	3289.23
2002-2003	2258.84	4031.20	13146.79	00	3665.10

Reduction in prices of petroleum products

230. DR. AKHILESH DAS:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether prices of petrol and petroleum products were reduced on May 15, 2003 in tune with the global softening of crude prices;

(b) if so, the percentage of fall in global prices of crude and how far this reduction was proportionate to the reduction in prices of petrol, diesel and other petroleum products; and

(c) the number of times the prices have since been readjusted and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) With the dismantling of administered pricing mechanism in the petroleum sector effective 1st April 2002, the pricing of petroleum products, except for PDS kerosene and domestic LPG which continue to be subsidized products, has been decontrolled.

As regards petrol and diesel, the oil marketing companies revise the prices on fortnightly basis taking into consideration the international prices of these products. The percentage reduction in the retail selling prices (RSPs) of petrol and diesel in Delhi effective 16th May 2003, as compared to the prices prevailing in the previous fortnight, as also the corresponding reduction in the price of Indian basket of crude oil is given in the following table:

	Percentage reduction
Petrol	3.49
Diesel	4.72
Indian Basket of Crude Oil	1.92

(c) The RSPs of petrol and diesel were further reduced effective 1st June, 2003. The reduction in RSPs in Delhi was as follows:

(Rs./Litre)

	RSP on 16.5.03	RSP on 1.6.03	Reduction
Petrol	30.40	30.30	0.10
Diesel	19.18	19.08	0.10

Crude oil reserve

231. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a blue-print for creating a buffer stock of crude oil, as an insurance against disruption of supplies in the event of war or natural calamities etc., has been drawn up;